

Bogan

Elementary School – 5200 Hamilton-Richmond Rd. Oxford, OH 45056
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February 2012



Greetings from your Principal
Mrs. Teresa Woodin

It is hard to believe that it is the beginning of February and we have not experienced any school delays or snow days. This winter has been unusually warm and unique. It is great that we have not missed any school since we had such a long winter break. I have a priceless story to share with you. The first day back from the winter break, I had a kindergartner get off the bus and come running to hug me (which I always enjoy). He started talking as he was coming toward me and said, “Mrs. Woodin, you would be so proud of me as I was really, really good over the SUMMER break.” I am sure that the winter break felt similar in length to him as our usual summer vacation. It was a precious moment!

February being a month that reflects love and care with the celebration of Valentine’s Day, I want to thank you for allowing the Bogan staff to love and to care for your child. It is our privilege to have this opportunity on a daily basis. This year we are celebrating and hosting the Valentine’s Day parties on February 14th. The classroom teacher will be providing additional details for this event.

Kid’s Night Out is approaching quickly. It will be a Valentine’s theme and will take place on Friday, February 10th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The children really enjoy this event and I thank the PTG for sponsoring such a fun time for our children.

Attention 5th Grade Parents.....6th grade orientation is fast approaching!! Talawanda Middle School will be hosting the 6th grade orientation night on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. located in the TMS Auditoria. Please plan to attend as this will be the first “official” introduction to the middle school.

The year is going so quickly and I have really enjoyed my first semester at Bogan Elementary. It is a great place to learn and to grow!! My door is always open and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

I’m looking forward to a great February.

TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 1, 2012 - April 30, 2012

Kindergarten Informational Meeting: Bogan – April 17th @ 7 pm
Kramer – April 18th @ 7 pm
Marshall – April 19 @ 7 pm

Kindergarten Screening Dates: Bogan – April 23, 2012
Kramer – April 24, 2012
Marshall – April 25, 2012

You may pick up an **enrollment packet** and schedule your child's screening between March 1, 2012 and April 30, 2012, 8 am to 4:30 pm, in the school's main office.

Any questions, please call the following telephone numbers:

Bogan Elementary – 273-3400
Kramer Elementary – 273-3500
Marshall Elementary – 273-3600

Please bring the following information to your screening appointment:

Certified birth certificate

Immunization Record with Physician Signature (must be completed by 1st day of attendance)

Current utility bill

Divorce Decree with Custody Papers (if applicable)

Social Security Card for parent and child (optional)

Children must be registered this spring to allow the district to plan adequately for staffing and classroom placement. Each student must be screened in order to receive placement. Those interested in **full day kindergarten** must inform the school on registration day to guarantee placement.

VALENTINE PARTIES

Our classroom valentine parties will be held on Tuesday, February 14th. Each classroom teacher will send home information as to their individual class party time.

WEATHER RECESS INFO

Just a reminder that our students go out to recess:

30 minutes – temperature above 20 degrees

15 minutes inside, 15 minutes outside – temperature with or without wind-chill between 10 and 20 degrees

indoor recess – temperature or wind-chill below 10 degrees

It is very important that your child is appropriately dressed for the cold weather. Please have your child wear a warm coat, hat, gloves or mittens to school.



The Oxford Literacy Team and the Oxford Community Art Center

are sponsoring a **Family Book Club** in Oxford this spring:

WHO? Parents and children, ages 3-8

WHAT? A monthly Book Club to share and explore good books with others who love to read!

WHEN? First meeting is on 2/21/12 from 7:00-8:00

WHERE? The Oxford Community Art Center
10 S. College Ave., Oxford

HOW? Register by email bergeronm@talawanda.org
or call MaryBeth Bergeron at 513-273-3611

RECEIVE FREE BOOKS & PAY NO FEES TO PARTICIPATE!

CHILDREN NEED HEALTHY MEALS TO LEARN

Talawanda Schools offer well-balanced meals to students every school day. Elementary Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.25**. Secondary Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.75**.

Your child may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. **An application can be filled out at any time during the school year.**

If you need information or would like to fill out an application, please visit <http://www.talawanda.org/foodservices/> or contact the main office of the building your child attends. Only one application per household needs to be completed.

ROCHE'S BOOK REVIEWERS

Ms. Roche's third grade class has reviewed several different series of books. The students are hoping that these reviews may be able to spark your interest! Check out these books!!

Judy Moody and Stink

We love Judy Moody and Stink, the brother and sister pair. They do lots of crazy things. These books are realistic fiction because the characters are made up, but there are real events. The Moody family also has a pet cat named Mouse! Sometimes when you are reading the books, they are hard to put down. It is hard to get your mind off of the book because you want to know what happens next. At the end of each chapter in the Stink books, there is a fun comic or fact. At the end of the books, the author shares a website with the reader. www.judymoody.com. Enjoy!

By: Davis B., Kaitlyn W., Katlyn B.

Ballpark Mysteries

In the Ballpark Mystery series, the main characters Kate and Mike go on lots of adventures. They learn a lot of information about different Major League Ballparks. Kate and Mike find clues about what is happening at the ballpark. If you like baseball stories, then I think you should read these series. The author has written three books in the series so far. Ms. Roche has even emailed David A. Kelly (the author) and he wrote back!! He even sent our class an autographed poster and baseball stickers! Happy Reading.

By: Austin W.

Black Lagoon Chapter Books

The main character in the Black Lagoon books is Hubie. The series is fun to read because they include things like monsters, lizards, and other strange characters. The stories usually begin with a teacher that is fake, but by the end of the stories, the readers meet the real teachers! These books are leveled with Accelerated Reader Levels (2.0-3.9). We hope you enjoy these books.

By: Lauren M., and Travis, C

The Boxcar Children

The Boxcar Children are Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny. They are four children that find themselves homeless in the first book. Jessie found an old boxcar that they make their home. Throughout the series, the

children go on many adventures and solve many mysteries. It is fun to predict the events of the story and think about how the children might solve their problems! We have several of the books in our classroom from when Ms. Roche was a child!!

By: Nathan H., Ashley H., and Amanda A.

Meg Mackintosh Series

We are reading the books in the Meg Mackintosh series. The genre of these books is mystery. In these books, the reader uses clues from the illustrations to help Meg (the main character) solve her mysteries. We enjoy this new series and have been taking the Accelerated Reader quizzes with them. Once you read one of the books, you'll want to read more!

By: Vivian H., Baylee E., Taylor C.

Ricky Ricotta

If you like Super Heroes, you should try reading Ricky Ricotta's Giant Robot Series. Ricky is a very lonely boy until one day an evil scientist created a giant robot that was nice. The robot defeated the evil scientist and became Ricky's friend. This series is so awesome; they have aliens in them. The illustrations really add to the book. We hope you enjoy these books!

Mercy Watson Series

I think you should read the Mercy Watson series. These books are enjoyable because Mercy is always getting into mayhem! Sometimes Mercy is a hero in the middle of all of the action! The color illustrations in these books are hilarious and fun to look at.

By: Mikie N.

MRS. WILLIAM'S KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mrs. William's class has been writing to a member of our Armed Forces. Here is a letter that the class would like to share:

January 23, 2012

Dear Mrs. William's Class,

I just wanted to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy school schedule to write a letter to me. It was really great to receive something like that, especially during the holidays.

I arrived in Africa last October and will hopefully be heading home within the next few weeks. The weather here is pretty warm. Right now it is in the 80's, but it will easily climb in to the 100's within the next month or so. In November, I got to go on a trip and swim with whale sharks. They are the largest fish measuring up to 40 feet long. It was neat to be so close to an animal so big.

Well, I hope all of you had a good break for the holidays. Best of luck with the rest of your school work this year. Thank you for thinking of me. Your letter was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Senior Airman Daniel Bohn

TMS MUSIC CHOICES FOR UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS

Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,

Your child's 5th grade year is rapidly coming to an end, and you will soon be sending him/her to Talawanda Middle School. Most of the curriculum choices for your child are taken care of through the school, but there is a music choice that you and your child will need to make very soon. TMS offers a choice of band, chorus, orchestra, and musical studies to 6th grade students. All students will need to select **one** music class.

As you discuss this choice with your child, please help him/her to decide which one best fits your music expectations and the level of commitment you and your family wish to have in music. All classes meet daily throughout the school year and do not pull students from other academic classes.

The three performance classes are band, orchestra, and chorus. Expectations for these organizations include attendance at evening performances (3) and practice at home for band and orchestra. No previous experience is necessary. Parents and students should attend the respective recruitment night for band and orchestra. Students selecting chorus should talk with their elementary music teacher. All contacts should be made by March 6.

*Band: Recruitment Night: Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 P. M. Hall Auditorium
(flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, baritone, French horn, percussion)
Questions about TMS bands may be directed to Richard Gonzales at gonzalesr@talawanda.org.

*Orchestra: Recruitment Night: Thursday, March 1, 7:00 P.M. TMS Auditoria
(violin, viola, cello, bass) Questions about TMS orchestras may be directed to Deborah Lease at leased@talawanda.org.

*Chorus: Please talk to your elementary music teacher to inform her that you will be signing up for chorus.
Questions about TMS choruses may be directed to Kelly Wilson at wilsonk@talawanda.org.

∞ Musical Studies: Musical Studies is a non-performance class. Students study American and world music and experience playing a variety of instruments.

Your child will receive information about the scheduling of the above classes from the TMS guidance counselors on February 27/28. The scheduling forms are due by March 9. Good luck to you and your child. We look forward to meeting you, and we are confident that the middle school experience will be a wonderful one!

Sincerely,

The Talawanda Music Staff



PARENTS of kids in Kindergarten – 2nd grade

Do you:

- ∞ want to help your child be successful in school?
- ∞ want your child to listen to you better?
- ∞ need some discipline strategies to help handle misbehavior?

You may be interested in ***The Incredible Years*** parent program to be offered in Oxford for Talawanda School District families beginning February 8, 2012.

The Incredible Years parent program is a component of an award-winning, research-based training series for parents, children and teachers. Several parents struggling with child misbehavior who recently participated in ***The Incredible Years*** parent program in Butler County reported improved child behavior at school and home. One parent shared, “My son is actually listening to me and I haven’t received any notes from the school about his behavior!”

The 14 session (2-hour weekly) program focuses on increasing child “good/acceptable” behavior, the importance of play, the use of praise and rewards, effective limit setting and handling misbehavior. Dinner and childcare will be available at no cost to participants.

Space is limited. For more information about ***The Incredible Years*** parent program contact Pam Mortensen at Catholic Charities: (513) 863-6129 or email: pmortensen@catholiccharitiesswo.org OR contact the elementary counselor or school psychologist at your child’s school.

PARENTS of kids 5-8 years of age

Do you:



- *want to help your child be successful in school?
- *want your child to listen to you better?
- *need some discipline strategies to help handle misbehavior?

Join us for the *Incredible Years Parent Program!*

Starts: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Dinner 6:00-6:30)

Location: Talawanda High School, 101 W. Chestnut St., Oxford

Free meal Child Care Provided at No Cost 14 Weeks of Info & Support

Space is Limited so Register Now by calling Pam Mortensen at (513) 863-6129 OR

Incredible Years Parent Program REGISTRATION

DETACH & Return to your child's school (Main Office) OR

Mail to: Pam Mortensen, Catholic Charities, 140 N. 5th St.

Hamilton, OH 45011 or FAX to (513) 863-0524; email:pmortensen@catholiccharitiesswo.org

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Yes, I'll need child care: # of children _____ Ages of children _____

“PROJECT MORE” - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Project MORE is a volunteer reading program at Bogan Elementary. It provides the chance for volunteers to make a positive difference in a child’s life by helping them learn to read. The program has been in existence for over ten years and is a research-based program proven to be very effective. If you could donate 30 minutes or more of your time on a weekly basis, we would love to talk with you.

Please call 513-523-6576 or email Sandy Greenberg at greenbergs@talawanda.org if you are interested.

FROM OUR BOGAN COUNSELOR – STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

Children of Divorce/Separation...Families in Change

I am offering an educational, student support group for families going through change due to separation or divorce. We will meet for 6 weeks/1 time per week, by grade level, at your child’s lunchtime/recess.

If you would like your child to participate in this group, please email me (burkea@talawanda.org) or complete and return the form below to your child’s teacher. If you have any questions, please call me at Bogan, 273-3403.

Thank you.
Amy Burke, Bogan Counselor

Children of Divorce Student Group --- Parent Permission Form

Please complete and return to your child’s teacher by 2/17. Thank you. A. Burke

_____ Yes, I give my permission for my child to participate in this student support group.

Student _____ Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone _____

*** I will call you to get specific information about your present family situation.**

2ND QUARTER BOGAN PEACEBUILDERS

These students were nominated by their teachers for positive behavior choices they are making as Bogan PeaceBuilders.

Milders

Amelia Allen
Dylan Dickman

Williams

Isaac Harvey
Marissa Peterson

Marshall

Pierson Byrd
Justic Isaacs
Andrew Leibfarth
McKenna Weekley

Hughes

Cody Inlow
Ashley Peck
Evan Soika
Isaac Wyant

Meyers

Jon Hall
Henry Hoblitzell
Bailey Smith
Halen Thomas

T. Morris

Brooke Hendricks
Ali Parman
Hunter Shaw
Ivan Soika

Croucher

Kadence Cox
Victoria Lake
Evan Middaugh
John Nelson

Davidson

Caleb Chafin
Christian Hogeback
Samantha Jones
Wilson Sturgill

McDaniel

Sarah Howard
Gunner Green
Brayden Vaughn
Jasper Young

Hitchcock

Kim Clark
Ben Hurst
Tiffany Johnson
Kennedy Seibert

Lindley

Gage Bader
Megan Minelli
Jarrod Small

Roche

Amanda Abbott
Trevor Fowler
Nathan Hall
Lauren Morrow

Williamson

Hannah Adkins-Lamb
Hunter Brewer
Ben Howard
Brendan Woodin

K. Burke

Kayla Fread
Austin Griffin
Macy Pennington
Garett Robertson

Haskins

Brandon Hall
Megan Price

Hathaway

Ainsley Clark
Parker Price

J. Morris

Caitlin Lowe
Patrick Morrow

Ruppert

Jen Balucan
Hallie Boggess
Niki Bolser
Ruth Webster

Schuster

Levi Jones
Hope Nichols

Family Community Resources Information

These services are available for all families in the Talawanda School District who are in need.

The Food Choice Pantry/Food Bank 523-3851

(located at Locust & College Cr Pike/27 N; Oxford, on right corner, behind the cemetery in a white building. Look for signs.)

Open: Mondays & Thursdays, from 5-7pm;

Saturdays from 2-4pm for food pick-up, if you are in need.

Family Resource Center 523-5859

5445 College Corner Pike; Oxford, OH

Hours: M-F:9am-1pm; also T/Th 4-6pm

~Thrift store for clothing (M-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 10-2pm)

~ Food stamps application

~Information & services to help you such as rent, utilities, home repair, medical referral, & other needs if you qualify.

Food Stamp Outreach program is available by phone.

Contact Gloria Bateman, c/o Shared Harvest Foodbank, www.sharedharvest.org; or call her at 513-907-6783.

She can assist you with your food stamp application process.

Butler County Kinship Navigator Program 513-785-6891 or 1-800-341-3025

For Grandparents or other relatives raising grandchildren. Contact this program to see what services you qualify for. This program is designed to support and assist you with custody, financial need, etc.

PARENT RESOURCE LIBRARY

We have our Bogan Parent Resource Library now available in the Bogan Office.

This is a resource for our Bogan parents to use. There are a variety of books and DVDs on several parenting and child behavior topics and free parent pamphlets on a variety of topics. It is a self check-out system. Items may be borrowed for 30 days.

I would like to thank our Bogan PTG and the Robert Bogan Memorial Fund for helping me purchase these items for our parent library. Thank you to Butch, Linda Gleason, Lena Fritzsche, and Cindy Carr for your help in setting up the library for our parents.

Featured Items: BOOKS

“Praising Boys Well”

“Praising Girls Well”

“Unplug Your Kids: Raising Happy..Well-Adjusted Children...in a Digital Age”

Parent Presentation: Helping the child who tantrums

Contact Person: Mary Beth Bergeron, Talawanda School Psychologist: 273-3611

Date: February 7

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Target audience: Parents of children:

- with recurring, intense tantrums at home, in response to frustration, discipline, or changes in routine
- whose tantrums impact home and school, and in some cases, refusal to go to school

Location: Oxford Lane Library, first floor meeting room.

OXFORD COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

After School Art Program at the Oxford Community Arts Center

Spring 2012

After School Art's spring 2012 session for elementary children will begin February 23rd and run to April 26th, 2012. The elementary program is for 1st to 5th grades. Children attend once a week on Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. New this year – two separate classes will be offered, one for 1st and 2nd grade students and an advanced class for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Bus transportation from school to the Arts Center is available and a snack will be provided. Registration opens January 20th. A flyer has been sent home in your child's Friday folder.

Each week, students will be able to create original works of art in a relaxed and social atmosphere under the guidance of an experienced art educator and Miami University volunteers. This spring, children will explore a variety of media ranging from drawing, painting and mixed media. OCAC believes that the arts enhance learning of all types and enrich and nourish the human experience. Plus, art is a whole lot of fun!

After School Art is not a Talawanda School District program – for more information, please call the Oxford Community Arts Center at 524-8506 or visit www.oxarts.org and click on classes.

USING YOUR HEAD WHILE SEARCHING THE WEB TALAWANDA DISTRICT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

INTERNET TIP: Search Tips

A very important skill for students (and adults) to learn is searching the internet effectively to avoid wading through lines and lines (pages and pages?) of irrelevant or inappropriate sites. Try these internet search tips:

- 1) Use the **Advanced Search** option many browsers have. It allows you to be more specific by selecting exact phrases, synonyms, etc..
- 2) **Search terms** are very important. Think about what you want to find before typing. You might have to use synonyms (teens, adolescents, young adults, etc.). If you're not getting the information you want, rethink your search terms and try again.
- 3) Use **Phrase search** to find a specific phrase with quote marks. This will tell the computer to make sure the phrase is complete. For example: "to be or not to be".
- 4) **Exclude terms** by typing a minus sign (-) before them.
If you type: *jaguar -cars -football*, you will get information about animals but not about automobiles or sports mascots.
- 5) **Specific Sites** It is possible to search for specific sites (edu, gov, org) by typing: *site:edu* or *site:org* along with your search words. Use a colon between *site* and the domain name. This will give you information only from educational, government, or organization's sites. You can also type *iraq nytimes.com* to get articles about Iraq only from the New York Times.

I hope these search tips help you and your student(s) find what you need. Of course, INFOhio provides accurate, reliable, and grade appropriate information all the time.

WEB SITES: Want access to a lot of valuable information? Go to:

www.talawanda.net

Schools (select your school)
Media Center

or

INFOhio button on the right

Online CATalog

or

DISCOVERY PORTAL

Call or email me for the username and password for home access.

Don't lose your head – use it – to research wisely on the web!!

Carol Morison

THS Library Media Specialist

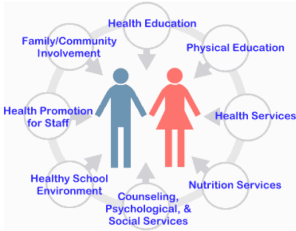
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273-3262



HCC Corner

“Healthy Learners are Better Learners”

According to the American Dairy Council, milk is one of the most nutrient-rich beverages young people can choose. There are numerous benefits to young people who choose to drink milk, including the fact that it provides three of the four nutrients (calcium, magnesium, and potassium) that the Dietary Guidelines identified as lacking in the American diet. (American Dairy Association).

Talawanda’s School Meal Program provides students the opportunity to have low-fat milk for both breakfast and lunch. Flavored milk options are available at every school for students as well. A lot of research has been conducted recently in regards to flavored milk and the results have been favorable in terms of it making a positive contribution to a child’s overall health. “Children who drink flavored milk meet more of their nutrient needs and do not consume more added sugar, fat or calories” (National Dairy Council). For more information on the benefits of flavored milk for youth, please visit www.nationaldairyCouncil.org.

If you have questions regarding the Health Coordinating Council or any of Talawanda’s Health & Wellness programs, please feel free to contact Amy Macechko at 273.3390 or at macechkoa@talawanda.org.

